

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A component for a vehicle interior comprising:
a flexible skin having a flange that extends substantially entirely about the periphery of the skin;
a compressible material coupled to the skin;
a rigid substrate having grooves that define an area;
wherein the flange of the skin is coupled to and embedded in the grooves of the substrate which provides a visual boundary between the skin and the substrate defined by the groove and extends substantially entirely about the periphery of the area over which the skin is provided;
wherein the area over which the skin is provided comprises a first soft region and a second soft region, the first soft region and the second soft region each defining an exposed surface of the component that is configured to be interfaced by a vehicle occupant;
wherein the compressible material is located between the skin and the substrate to provide the first soft region;
wherein a portion of the skin is in direct contact with the substrate to provide the second soft region; and
wherein the skin extends continuously between the first soft region and the second soft region.

27. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 26 wherein the flange comprises a folded back configuration that forms a protrusion.

28. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 27 wherein the substrate comprises a molded polymer material.

29. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 28 wherein the skin is a vacuum formed and trimmed sheet of a thermoplastic olefin material.

30. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 29 wherein the compressible material is a foam material.

31. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 30 wherein the foam material is a closed cell foam.

32. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 30 wherein the foam is bonded to the skin.

33. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 26 wherein the component is a vehicle door trim panel.

34. (Previously Presented) The component of Claim 26 wherein the boundary is filled in to provide the appearance of a seamless transition between the skin and the substrate.